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Letter dated 3 June 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration of the Presidency of the European Union on the results of the Israeli elections.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Declaration of the Presidency of the European Union on the results of the Israeli elections

The European Union congratulates Mr. Netanyahu for his success in the Israeli general elections of 29 May as well as the people of Israel.

The European Union, while underlining its continuing commitment to the cause of peace in the Middle East, is confident that the new Israeli leadership will continue the peace negotiations, fully implementing in the meantime the agreements courageously reached so far.

The European Union is firmly convinced that the continuation of the peace process is the only viable alternative to violence in the region.

In this respect, the European Union intends to continue working with both the Israeli and the Arab sides to put an end to 40 years of conflict in the Middle East and to achieve the just, lasting and comprehensive peace which all the peoples of the region fully deserve.